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PARA 5 REFTEL REFERS TO THE "CONSIDERABLE OFFICIAL DIS-
PLEASURE AGAINST BOTH CHRYSLER AND THE USG" WHICH WOULD
RESULT IF CHRYSLER FEVRE FAILED TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR
SALE OF VEHICLES TO CUBANS. DURING PAST SEVERAL WEEKS,
CHRYSLER OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED TO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
THEIR CONTINUED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE GOA RETALIATION IN
EVENT COMPANY'S FAILURE TO CONSUMMATE A CONTRACT WHICH
TRANSIMPORT IS READY TO SIGN FOR 3,000 CARS YEARLY FOR
THREE YEARS. DEPARTMENT NEEDS UPDATE OF SITUATION ASAP
FOR USE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH CHRYSLER PERSONNEL STATE-
SIDE AND FOR PREPARING RECOMMENDATION TO TREASURY RE
LICENSE APPLICATION. PLEASE INCLUDE LATEST READING ON
EFFECTS TO DATE OF CHRYSLER'S CONTINUED REFUSAL TO FOLLOW
GOA EXHORTATIONS AND/OR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS TO SELL AUTO-
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MOBILES TO CUBA AND LIKELIHOOD OF FURTHER GOA PRESSURE.

HAS CHRYSLER BEEN SPECIFICALLY ASKED BY APPROPRIATE GOA
AUTHORITIES TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH CUBA OR SUFFER CONSEQUENCES? ARE THERE ANY RECENT SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF OFFICIAL
OR UNOFFICIAL COMMENTS OR THREATS DIRECTED AGAINST CHRYSLER?
HAS CHRYSLER SUFFERED ANY SERIOUS RETALIATORY ACTION ON
PART OF GOA SUCH AS LEVYING OF FINES, FORCED CLOSURE OF
PLANT FACILITIES, APPLICATION OF PRODUCTION QUOTAS, AND

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT CODE PROVISIONS IN DISCRIMINATORY
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